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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

La Tonia M. Fisher

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 76-133 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 76-133 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 76-133 are pending.

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 67-99, 103-109, 124-132, drawn to 7-deaza-2 benzyl substituted purine compounds and pharmaceutical compositions containing same, classified in class 544, subclass 264+.
- II. Claims 100-102 and 117-122, drawn to methods for treating a disease associated with an A3 adenosine receptor in need of such treatment, classified in class 514, subclass 261 and 266.
- III. Claim 110, drawn to a method for inhibiting the activity of an A3 adenosine receptor in a cell that is subjected to abnormal stimulation of the A3 adenosine receptor, classified in class 544, subclass 264+.
- IV. Claims 111-113, drawn to methods for treating a gastrointestinal disorder associated with an A3 adenosine receptor, classified in class 514, subclass 266.
- V. Claim 114-115, drawn to methods for treating a respiratory disorder associated with an A3 adenosine receptor, classified in class 514, subclass 266.
- VI. Claims 116 and 123, drawn to methods for treating inflammation of the eyes associated with an A3 adenosine receptor, classified in class 514, subclass 266.
- VII. Claim 133, drawn to methods for preparing 7-deaza-2-benzyl substituted purine compounds, classified in class 544, subclass 264+.

Inventions I and II, III, IV, V and VI are related as product and process of use. The inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product (MPEP § 806.05(h)). In the instant case, the products of Invention I may be used in materially different methods than those of Inventions II, III, IV, V or VI as evidenced by Applicant's use of the compounds in the distinct inventions of, II, III, IV, V and VI.

Inventions I and VII are related as process of making and product made. The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process (MPEP § 806.05(f)). In the instant case the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process.

Inventions II, III, IV, V and VI are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects (MPEP § 806.04, MPEP § 808.01). In the instant case, Inventions II, III, IV, V and VI possess different functions. While the function of Invention II is to treat diseases associated with A₃ adenosine receptor cells, the functions of Inventions IV, V and VI, as claimed, are not limited to treatment of diseases associated with A₃ adenosine receptor cells. Specifically, the functions of Inventions IV, V and VI are treating of gastrointestinal disorder, respiratory disorders and damage to the eye, respectively, neither of which need not to be A₃ adenosine related. Additionally, the Inventions produce different effects. Treating of the

eye, respiratory disorder or a gastrointestinal disorder, each of which may or may not be A₃ adenosine related, indicates that the Inventions produce different effects.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their classifications and/or recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper. Furthermore, searches for the seven groups would not be coextensive, and would therefore place an undue burden on the Examiner. A reference for one group could not reasonably be expected to be a reference for another group and certainly not all groups.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143). Applicant is entitled to one composition of matter and one method for using same. A method will be examined insofar as it relates to the elected composition of matter.

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

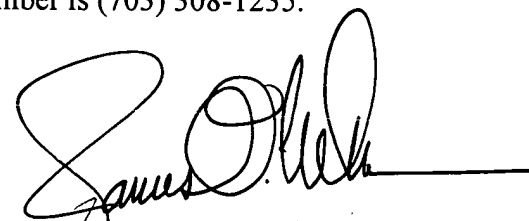
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to La Tonia M. Fisher whose telephone number is (703) 306-5819. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 9:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James O. Wilson can be reached on (703) 308-4624. The fax phone numbers for the

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organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 308-4556 for regular communications and (703) 308-4556 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.



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